CHAPTER 154

HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING

HOUSE BILL 12-1340

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Becker, Gerou, Levy, Schafer S., Vigil; also SENATOR(S) Lambert, Hodge, Steadman, Aguilar.

AN ACT

CONCERNING A REDUCTION IN THE GENERAL FUND PORTION OF THE PER DIEM RATES PAID TO NURSING FACILITIES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, REDUCING AN APPROPRIATION.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-6-202, **add** (9) (b) (V) as follows:

25.5-6-202. Providers - nursing facility provider reimbursement - rules - repeal. (9) (b) (V) Notwithstanding any other provision of Law, commencing July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013, the general fund portion of the per diem rate pursuant to subsections (1) to (4) of this section shall be reduced by one and one-half percent. The state department may, but is not required to, increase the supplemental medicaid payment pursuant to subparagraph (II) of this paragraph (b) due to this reduction; except that the provider fee shall not exceed the amount specified in section 25.5-6-203 (1) (a) (II).

SECTION 2. Appropriation - adjustments in 2012 long bill. (1) For the implementation of this act, appropriations made in the annual general appropriation act to the department of health care policy and financing for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, for medical service premiums, are adjusted as follows:

- (a) The general fund appropriation is decreased by \$4,512,338.
- (b) The federal funds appropriation is decreased by \$4,512,338.

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: May 3, 2012